

He argues that another reason for the CIA's obstinate denial of a Bulgarian connection was simply that they "got scooped". Their connections were with their Italian counterparts, not with the Italian prosecutors and police who dug out the story of the Bulgarian connection.

I have spoken to intelligence people about the affair and they have used another argument again to refute the Bulgarian connection: "It was too amateurish."

But professional organizations sometimes are amateurish, you say, to which they have no real reply. And they have no real reply to the question: "If not they, who and why?" Or to the question: "How do you account for A, B, C, D and all the other evidence pointing to the Bulgarian service?"

New York Senator Alfonso D'Amato who has visited Italy investigating the case claims the agency has "conducted a war of silence, obstruction and disinformation." Director William Casey thinks there is something in Senator D'Amato's charges.